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6. Bilaspur	336	—
7. Ujjain	315	—
8. Mandsaur	301	05
9. Khargone	214	67
10. Morena	156	82
11. Khandwa	285	03
12. Hoshangabad	230	10
13. Durg	431	—
14. Ratlam	349	11
15. Dhar	162	12
16. Sagar	234	50
17. Vidisha	154	25
18. Shajapur	91	14
19. Rajgarh	92	17
20. Dewas	162	—
21. Chhattarpur	251	156
22. Guna	118	20
23. Shivpuri	109	25
24. Balaghat	139	18
25. Narsinghpur	177	28
26. Chhindwara	172	18
27. Betul	94	04
28. Shahdol	197	—
29. Raigarh	99	—
30. Satna	262	10
31. Rewa	239	—
32. Jagdalpur	85	49

[English]

**Construction of Dancing Musical Fountain  
in Bangalore**

300. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total investment made by the Railways and

its associates for the construction of dancing musical fountain in Bangalore;

(b) whether the above fountain is under the control of Railways;

(c) if not, whether the Government are aware that the Government of Karnataka has been collecting entrance fee from the public in view the dancing musical fountain;

(d) if so, whether the Railways are likely to get its share from the entrance fee; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Railways have not made any investment on the dancing fountain at Bangalore.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

**Menace of Touts**

301. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the new-item captioned "Touts business continues unabated" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 5th June, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by the Railway Administration to check the menace of touts and help the poor passengers ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item has highlighted the operation of touts in cornering of reserved accommodation in trains originating from Delhi and selling the same at premium.

(c) Regular and surprise checks are conducted by the Commercial and Vigilance departments with the assistance of Railway Protection Force/Government Railway Police staff to check the activities of touts and other anti-social elements in and around the reservation offices. The drives against touts were intensified and during April to June, 1997, 174 touts were apprehended by Northern Railway. Action has been taken against them under the provisions of Railways Act, 1989. Railway staff found involved in or abetting such activities are severely taken up for penal action.